

Weare Heritage Commission  
DRAFT MINUTES  
August 25, 2009

In attendance: Chairperson George Malette, Secretary Meg Malette, and Pat Karpen.

A motion was made by Pat and seconded by George to approve the August minutes. All were in favor.

Old Home Day – Pat said it went well. People enjoyed the slide presentation. The survey was filled out by several people. Very positive event.

George took the surveys to the Weare Historical Society board meeting; many of the members filled out the survey for the Weare Heritage Commission to review.

What information was gathered from the surveys?

1. a. 6 b. 8 c. 2
2. a. 7 b. 5 c. 6
3. All yes
4. Studio Art Gallery – 8  
Community Center – 14  
Senior Center – 7  
Museum – 4  
Other – no comments

The survey is attached.

Four people, who completed the survey, were selected to win faucet aerators. These prizes were publicized on a sign at Old Home Day. Meg and George will deliver the aerators to them.

Town wide survey – we need to raise money to do this. What is a realistic estimate for cost of a town wide survey? Fundraise or write a warrant article for the citizens to pay for survey. George suggested that we ask the Historical Society if they would be interested in helping to offset the cost of the survey. In the warrant article it can be stated that the Weare Historical Society will help pay for the survey.

Meg Malette will call Nadine Peterson of the NH Division of Historical Resources to find out if she could suggest any grants to cover the cost of a survey. What options do we have to fund the survey without becoming a Certified Local Government?

We will look at a warrant article, Weare Historical Society, and grants to fund survey. This information will be reported back next month.

George said that a member of the Historical Society has volunteered to help prepare grants.

George said that the Historical Society has already started surveying the town's historical places. This will help decrease the cost of the survey, because of this work being done.

George will go before the Historical Society to ask for some financial support for the survey. Then George will write a warrant article with Pat's assistance, to be approved at the next WHC meeting.

Pat said that she will send Meg information on the contacts at the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources.

George brought up the current use tax. Seventy-five percent goes to the conservation fund and 25 percent goes into the general fund. Perhaps the WHC can ask for some of the town's portion, a small percentage.

Pat asked about placing two warrant articles on the ballot with regard to raising money for the survey and changing the current use tax percentage.

A budget for the WHC was discussed. We should submit one to the selectman for inclusion in next year's budget.

George presented a budget to the town administrator last year to be included in this year's budget. The budget was not presented to the selectman by the town administrator and was not included in the budget.

George will present a draft budget at next month's meeting to be discussed and ratified.

Building assessments – Work to be done at Clinton Grove and Town Hall. Sherry Burdick said that she is looking into get LCHIP money for Clinton Grove. George said that a building assessment is required prior to getting the LCHIP money. Naomi Bolton is looking into building assessment grants. Building assessments is when you hire a preservation specialist and an historic building specialist to determine what needs to be done to the building while keeping its original integrity and architecture. When money is raised, through grants, a building assessment is required.

Theatrical preservation grants – the Town Hall, Clinton Grove, and Osborne Hall all have stages. Quaker grants for Clinton Grove?

Meg will update the Weare historical building register list.

WHC has a bank account, with the help of Heleen Kurk and Jan, the town treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Meg Malette*

Meg Malette  
Secretary

## Weare Heritage Commission

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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*We promise only to use your information to inform you of upcoming events and initiatives!*



Town Hall



Osborne Memorial Hall



Clinton Grove

The Weare Heritage Commission (WHC) was recently voted in by the citizens of Weare. We are in need of your help. Please share your thoughts and ideas to help us achieve the goals of preserving Weare's history.

WHC meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:30 P.M. at the Town Office Building.

## SURVEY

*We need your input to help us determine our priorities!*

Weare is fortunate for its historic buildings. Which building is your personal favorite?

☐ Clinton Grove Academy    ☐ Weare Town Hall    ☐ Osborne Memorial Hall

In your opinion, which is most threatened or in need of revitalization?

☐ Clinton Grove Academy    ☐ Weare Town Hall    ☐ Osborne Memorial Hall

Can the building you chose above be reused or serve another purpose that will be beneficial to the community? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "yes," can you offer us some suggestions of what the reuse could be?

☐ Art studio/art gallery for local artists    ☐ Senior center  
☐ Community center    ☐ Museum for Weare Historical Society

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please drop this survey off at the Weare Heritage Commission information table on the stage in the "old" Town Hall to participate in a raffle prize. You DO NOT need to be present to win!***